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Are We Betraying A Brave People?

The people of England are engaged in a desperate struggle against a powerful and a ruthless foe. Practically every responsible statesman and soldier now admits that Britain cannot defeat that foe save with the aid of the United States. By aid, we mean full military, naval and air attacks upon Germany by American forces.

Britain must face grimly the question—is she going to get this aid? In short—is the United States going to enter the war on all fronts and with all her military power?

England must have the answer to this question. If she is convinced that the United States cannot come in, then what will she do? Fight on to certain defeat and practical destruction? Or will she save what she can now? But certainly she must have the answer to the central question—Is America going in?

On this point this brave people is being made the instrument of American politicians. There are here numerous groups which fight for America's entry into the war—foreign and racial groups which have special and just grievances against Hitler. But they are not numerous enough to force a war decision were it not for the politicians. These gentlemen are caught in a regime whose sole weapon of survival is the spending of government money. The "all-out" military program makes a paradise for them as well as a heaven-sent salvation from the collapse of their power. Therefore they will play the aid-Britain game to the bitter end—prolonging it endlessly.

But these men—the men who must make the final decisions—know they cannot take this country into war. The nation is overwhelmingly against it.

The Gallup poll week after week reveals that 76 per cent of the people are opposed to entering the war. Congressman Hamilton Fish asked his constituents in a very careful letter to return to him post-cards which he sent containing the question: "Should America go into the war?" Out of 30,000 who answered, 27,000 voted no, only 3,000 voted yes. The N. Y. Daily News mailed out 696,000 postals in New York State—one to every tenth name on the voting lists. The postals are rolling in—73 per cent against war in up-state New York, 69 per cent in New York City, the heart of the war movement. In Illinois, the poll is running four to one in cosmopolitan Chicago.

America is not going into this war, though the politicians will skirt all around the edges of it.

Furthermore, America is utterly unprepared and the American people now know it—and resent it. America has literally no dive bombers, only a handful of combat planes, and about as many tanks as Russia lost in the first few hours of fighting—most of them antiquated, no big guns and no chance of an army or equipment sufficient for an expeditionary force for several years.

Americans know this. The British should know it.

It will help them to answer the great question which confronts them.

War Bloc Hopes For Incident As U.S. Troops Occupy Iceland

Polls Show U. S. Strongly Anti-War

Press Surveys Prove Majority Wants Peace

Despite the all-out propaganda of the war-makers in Congress, the Cabinet and in the heavily financed New York war committees, the American people today stand as firmly as ever in their opposition to foreign conflicts, widespread public opinion surveys on numerous fronts proved this week.

The first substantial returns in two comprehensive newspaper polls, covering one-tenth of the nation's entire voting population, showed this week an overwhelming public demand that the United States remain aloof from the war abroad.

All Polls Agree

Lesser polls, conducted in Congressional areas, showed this same sentiment. The Gallup poll, which tests a small sample of voters but on a nation-wide scale, likewise shows this result. These surveys, analyzed together, prove that between seventy-five and ninety percent of the American people are against going to war to help defeat Germany.

The newspaper polls are being
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Same Reasoning Would Also Include Ireland As Part Of Western Hemisphere

This week was marked by a series of bold moves by the war-bund, here and in Britain, to push the United States into war. The culmination of these moves was the occupation of Iceland on Sunday, July 5, but not made known until the following afternoon.

The pretense of occupying Iceland is to protect the Western Hemisphere. Newspaper map-makers draw their maps so as to make it appear that Iceland is really in the Western Hemisphere. As a matter of fact, if the Earth were cut into two halves along 10 degrees Longitude East, the line would pass directly across the Eastern boundary of Iceland and just a few miles from the Western boundary of Ireland.

Dewey Short's Comment

If Iceland is in the Western Hemisphere, so is Ireland. As Congressman Dewey Short of Missouri said on hearing of the "invasion," "If Iceland is in the Western Hemisphere so is Spitsbergen and I am a Chinaman."

The act of the President was promptly denounced by General Wood, National Chairman of America First, who said it was a move to edge us into the war. He demanded that the administration either go into the war or stay out.

Flynn Hits 'Audacious Act'

John T. Flynn, New York Chairman of America First, issued the following statement:

"This audacious act marks the beginning of the end of constitutional government in the United States. If the President can, without the consent of Congress, occupy Iceland, he can occupy Syria and Ethiopia. He could not do this if the Congress of the United States had not been reduced to the state of a cheap, servile shadow of the august institution which it was intended
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Use U.S. Funds To Push War

Federal Agents Told To 'Educate' Farmers

How the Farm Security Administration, using federal funds and the services of federal employees, is seeking to propagandize American farmers into acceptance of American involvement in the war, was exposed last week by Representative Frank B. Keefe of Wisconsin.

Mr. Keefe charged that the Administration "has sent out an S.O.S. call to Governmental agencies asking them to go out into the highways and byways of
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Invasion Of U. S. Doomed, Says Alaska's Leading Expert

The Rev. Bernard Hubbard, noted "glacier priest" who knows as much about Alaska as any living man, this week completely discounted interventionists' scares that if Hitler defeated Russia, the Axis could invade America.

Father Hubbard has explored the Arctic for fourteen years. He is recognized as the leading authority on Alaska. In an interview with the Associated Press this week, this expert declared:

"Alaska can't be invaded in any practical way. The fellow who's there can hold it—with the use of a little intelligence."

Discusses Japan's Difficulties

Father Hubbard apparently does not even consider the possibility of Hitler attempting to invade America via Siberia. He discussed the difficulties Japan would experience if it embarked on such a venture, however.

"There is a very logical path which the Japanese might follow. First they would have to seize Vladivostok. That Siberian port would be the nearest railroad terminus to Alaska—and that's as far as it is from Seattle to Panama."

Cites Weather Hazards

If Japan ever managed to conquer Alaska, Father Hubbard said, the intense cold, the great distances and the enormous transportation difficulties involved in insuring a steady stream of supplies, would make it impractical to invade Canada or the United States.

"Geographically, such a campaign would be doomed," he said. A few American airplane, submarine and navy bases in Alaska would alone be needed to thwart any invasion, Father Hubbard declared.

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AFC Reaches Man In Street

Public Inspired to Act By Speakers' Division

At the end of three months of activity, the Street Speakers Division of the New York Chapter was definitely established this week as one of the most effective methods of the America First Committee in reaching and stimulating the public to express its opposition to foreign war.

The division was organized in April, following passage of the Lend-Lease Bill. Starting with one team which held one meeting the first night, the division has expanded to several teams making three stops each week-day night.

Speakers' groups have also sprung up in Queens, Brooklyn and the Bronx, and one local team has taken a tour through New England, New York State, and has made speeches in Baltimore and Washington, D. C.

Young Volunteers Speak

Most of the speakers are young college graduates who are volunteering their services to reach the "man in the street" with the arguments against our involvement in the war.

Street meetings have been found to be unusually effective in inspiring listeners with the strength of the anti-war movement and in encouraging them to take a more active part in the campaign for peace.

Mr. Bob Riley is chairman of the New York Street Speakers Division, which makes its headquarters at 3 East 47th St. The division is now organizing additional teams to cover every section of Manhattan and urges members with speaking ability to volunteer for this work.

The New York Chapter has prepared a pamphlet containing suggestions and helpful information about street speaking which is available to other chapters interested in starting similar divisions.

Referendum Urged By Thomas at Rally

Norman Thomas and William S. Thomas addressed a rally of the Medford Chapter, AFC, Monday, July 7, at Medford, L. I. William Thomas, secretary of the Oyster Bay chapter, urged support of a Nationwide Advisory Referendum on war.

A.F.C. To Sponsor Trips To Capital

Beginning Thursday, July 17, and continuing weekly thereafter for a period of at least four weeks, the America First Committee will charter a special train to Washington to give local citizens an opportunity to speak to their Senators and Representatives and urge that the United States keep out of war and that Congress retain its full powers to decide the issue of war or peace for the country.

The first special train will leave Pennsylvania Station, New York City, at 9:30 a.m. EDT, July 17. It will stop at Newark, N. J. at 9:45; Trenton, N. J. at 10:29; North Philadelphia at 10:55; 30th Street, Philadelphia at 11:02; and Baltimore. The train will arrive at Washington at 1:15 p.m. EDT, and will leave for the return trip at 7:00 p.m., reaching New York at 11 p.m.

The America First delegation will confer with a Senator and Representative at Washington and will hear of the latest Washington developments on the war question. Members of the delegation will be given the opportunity to meet their own Congressmen and to impress them with the urgency of staying out of war.

Tickets for the trips may be obtained from local A. F. C. chapters. Rate for a round-trip fare from New York is \$4.85 and Philadelphia, \$4.35. Richards H. Emerson and Howard Hawkins of the New York chapter will be in charge of the first excursion.

Motorists who drive to Washington can learn where the delegation is to meet by calling Washington headquarters of the committee.

Keep yourself informed of all important developments on the peace front by subscribing for the America First Bulletin today. Subscription coupon on page one.

Widespread Press Surveys Show Nation Against War

N. Y. News and Chicago Tribune Polls Reveal 75 Percent of Voters Oppose U. S. Involvement

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conducted by the New York Daily News and the Chicago Tribune in New York State and Illinois respectively. These papers are sending prepaid postcards to one out of every ten voters in those states, and asking them to answer "Yes" or "No" to the question, "Should the United States enter the war to help Britain defeat Hitler?"

New York Against War

Although New York is generally regarded as the hot-bed of the interventionist movement, the first sizeable returns from this area show only 31 percent—or less than one-third—in favor of going to war, while 69 percent are flatly opposed.

In Illinois, anti-war sentiment is greater, with roughly only 20 percent—or one-fifth—of the population in favor of war.

These polls are conducted on an absolutely scientific basis. Significantly, when one of the war-committees was asked to send representatives to observe the tabulating methods used by these newspapers, it refused to do so, although it has repeatedly proclaimed that a "majority" favor its policies.

A survey recently completed by Representative Hamilton Fish in his New York Congressional District—also the President's—revealed a nine-to-one ratio against war. The latest Gallup poll, taken before the outbreak of the Russo-German war, resulted in a 76 percent vote against U. S. involvement.

Enthusiasm Necessary

This widespread opposition to war assumes tremendous weight when viewed in the light of statements by Hanson Baldwin, military expert of the New York

Times, and other army authorities, who maintain that in order to prosecute war successfully, a nation must have ninety percent of the population not only supporting it, but ardently enthusiastic.

Because these polls are being carried on by so many different persons and groups, and all show the same results, their scientific accuracy cannot be reasonably doubted. They prove that rather than being enthusiastic about war, the people are vigorously against it.

AFC Urges Referendum

Armed with this indisputable evidence of America's unyielding demands to stay out of the war, the America First Committee moved ahead this week with its campaign for a nation-wide advisory referendum before a declaration of war could be voted by Congress.

This referendum, which would not be binding on Congress, but which would give it first-hand evidence upon which to gauge the temper of the people, was urged in a nation-wide broadcast July 7 by General Robert E. Wood, Acting National Chairman of the America First Committee.

General Wood called for a referendum on three questions: Shall the United States enter the war to aid Britain and defeat Hitler? Shall the nation declare war if any portion of the Western Hemisphere is attacked? Shall the Neutrality Act be repealed?

"Both" sides—interventionists and isolationists—believe that the majority of the people support their side of the argument," he said. "The people have had no chance to vote on the question."

War Bloc Asks For 'Incident'

Wood, Flynn Denounce Occupation of Iceland

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to be under our republican form of government. "The object of this latest adventure is to stick America's neck far out into the European continent. The pretention that Iceland is even remotely part of the Western Hemisphere is a shocking, a shameful imposition upon what the President believes is the ignorance of the American people. Let any American who possesses a globe look at it. Iceland is only a few degrees farther west than Ireland."

"This is a plan to stick our neck out in the hope that someone will hack at it. The moment has come for Congress to assert its constitutional prerogative."

Wheeler Sees Dakar Occupied
Senator Burton K. Wheeler said "it won't be long before we occupy Dakar, the Azores and the Cape Verde Islands."

The move is of course, a typical Roosevelt stratagem. This latest blitzputsch for war began with Naval Secretary Knox calling for an immediate plunge of the Navy into the Atlantic to start shooting it out with Germany "to clear the Atlantic."

This was quickly followed by General Marshall, chief of staff, calling for extending the term of the conscripts for another year and for authority for the President to send them outside the Western Hemisphere.

Wavell Seeks A. E. F.

The next day General Wavell, British Commander in Africa, declared that Germany would be finally beaten only by an invasion of Germany itself and that to do this an American expeditionary force would be necessary. And on Tuesday of this week, Wavell's successor in Africa, Gen. Auchinleck, declared that American troops would be needed in Europe if Germany was to be defeated.

Simultaneously all the war-bund committees went into action, on the air, and in the newspapers with huge advertisements calling on the President to start shooting, while the Peppers and their ilk kept up a chorus for the seizure of Dakar, the Azores, Cape Verde.

Course of Least Resistance

At the end of this the President took the course of least resistance. He occupied Iceland.

The war bund was getting very cross with Roosevelt's refusal to move. Even the New York Times told him editorially that this war could not be won with words. And so the occupation of Iceland is his gift to the interventionists while hedging in every possible way to escape the wrath of the American people who hold him to his pledge to stay out of war. But the Iceland incident now puts us right in the middle of the war zone.

Only a miracle can save us from an incident or a series of incidents which is what the war-bund here wants. If such incidents come, the American people are now warned in advance, they are being courted, invited and prayed for by the American warmongers.

Federal Agency Pushes War With U.S. Funds

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America and sell the cause of participation in this war."

He cited as absolute proof a letter sent on Farm Security Administration letterheads to their agents throughout the country. This letter, which was dated May

7, and which the F.S.A. has admitted it sent, read as follows:

"The Department has just received information that the British shipping situation is much more serious than most Americans have realized. While the Department has the exact figures, we cannot pass them on to you for military reasons. In general, however, the situation is this:

"(1) British ships are being sunk twice as fast as they can be replaced by the combined effort of British and American shipyards—and at the last report the rate of loss was still rising.

"(2) Tonnage being landed at British ports is less than half of what it was before the war.

"(3) In the last month Britain has had to cut down on her imports of armaments from the United States in order to increase imports of food."

"What a British defeat would mean to this country should by this time be obvious to all of us."

"The Department feels that the American people—particularly the American farmers—do not understand these facts, and that vigorous action of the type needed cannot be taken until this lack of understanding is remedied.

"We cannot issue formal press releases or radio speeches on the subject for two obvious reasons—it is not the official job of the Department to discuss international affairs; and indiscriminate broadcasting of these facts might play into the hands of the appeasement propaganda groups.

"We are requested, however, to carry these facts by word of mouth to as many as possible of our own officials and other key people in Agriculture such as

Farm Security Administration committeemen, etc."

Commenting on this letter, Representative Keefe said:

"This letter sent out by a responsible Government agency charges that the American people, and especially the farmers, are so dumb that they do not understand and cannot appreciate what the situation is that is confronting America and, therefore, they have been apathetic in their attitude toward the vigorous steps which it is now proposed to initiate to carry out this war policy.

"It is my considered opinion from talks with the farm population that I represent that they are too smart for that. Do not make any mistake, Mr. Secretary of Agriculture, or the members of this Congress. Do not think that the farm people of this country do not understand. They understand too well, and they are not going to be driven by deceitful appeals such as this into taking a position that will be a repetition of the experience which they had in 1917 and 1918."

Meetings—Broadcasts

MONDAY, July 14—Five Towns Chapter rally, Inwood, L.I., 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, July 15—Yonkers Chapter meeting, Yonkers, N. Y.

WEDNESDAY, July 16—Mt. Vernon Chapter rally, Mt. Vernon, New York.

WEDNESDAY, July 16—RADIO BROADCAST. Senator Charles W. Tobey speaks over Columbia Broadcasting System network (WABC), 10:15-10:30 p.m. EDT. Subject: "A Reply to Secretary Knox."

WEDNESDAY, July 16, or THURSDAY, July 17—Paterson Chapter rally, Paterson, N. J. Senator David I. Walsh tentatively scheduled to speak.

THURSDAY, July 17—America First Committee special train trip to Washington. Train leaves Pennsylvania Station, New York, 9:30 a.m. EDT; stops at Newark, Trenton, Philadelphia, Baltimore. (See story on this page.)

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Step By Step, War-Makers Seek New A.E.F.

Tanks, Planes And Slogan The great weapons in this war have been tanks, planes and slogans. One of the slogans used on Americans has been this one—we can help Britain but need send no men. Millions of generous-minded Americans have been willing to aid nations fighting the ruthless dictator of Germany by sending food, weapons, money to Britain. But they have been assured that they would never have to GO TO WAR or SEND THEIR SONS. And both Democratic and Republican candidates for the Presidency assured them this would never be necessary.

Under cover of this assurance the people have been lured along one step at a time. SELL arms, but no expeditionary force. GIVE DESTROYERS, but no expeditionary force. LEND-LEASE, but no expeditionary force. CONVOY, but no expeditionary force. Now the Secretary of the Navy says, GO INTO THE WAR, but with the navy only. Always with the assurance that we would send no men.

Well, what are the men in the navy? Aren't they men? Are they not our sons? Now the President has seized Iceland. He has occupied it. With what? Men. Sailors and marines. Are they not men? American men? And does any sane man believe that we can go into this war with just one leg? Once we are in the war we must go in with both legs, both arms, our whole hearts and souls. And that is the strategy of the handful of conspirators who want to get us into that first shooting scrape.

Up to now Americans have tried to believe that dangerous men around the President have been responsible for all this. But now they have to ask themselves—can it be that the President is directing the whole conspiracy? That he sits off in the shadows, rolling the balls and having the Knoxes, the Peppers, the Ickes and the Stimson throw them? Aid Britain, BUT NO MEN. That was the promise. But now men are in Europe, occupying a European country.

The man who sent those men there must be held responsible for the first shots that are fired. Is that what he is scheming for?

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Meaning of Russian War

What will happen if Germany wins its war in Russia? First of all, what does winning that war mean? Hitler's objective is to seize the Ukraine. The Ukraine holds the bulk of Russia's power—coal, iron and wheat, as well as an immense supply of other foods and various essential metals. If Hitler takes the Ukraine he will have carved out of Russia its economic heart. In the old days a nation like Russia could go on with guerrilla warfare for a long time after that. But guerrilla warfare against the modern mechanical army is no longer possible.

If Germany takes the Ukraine and then captures Moscow after smashing the Stalin line, Russia's effective resistance in Europe will be at an end. How long that will take is difficult to say, but news reports would seem to indicate that it will not take long as the German armies are only a short

distance from Kiev and Moscow. When the Ukraine and Moscow are taken—which may be in a couple of weeks—Germany will beyond doubt drive on through Aburjaizan to Baku to capture the oil wells there. The Russians may destroy them before that, which would be a blow to Germany's plans. But Germany would not stop there. The way would be opened to Palestine, Iran and finally Syria and Iraq.

If Germany wins the Ukraine and Baku, Britain's position in the Mediterranean will be at an end. What the effect of this will be on the war and on the morale of the British is another question. What kind of peace she can make after that is still another.

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Another War Angel

The week produced another angel of war—fit to take his place beside British-born Bishop Manning of New York and Rabbi Wise. This is Bishop Joseph Hurley of the Florida Diocese of St. Augustine.

The good Bishop, in his attack on isolationists, fortunately revealed what goes on inside his mind. He declared that the question of whether the 130,000,000 Americans should be plunged into war or not should be left to the President of the United States.

Bishop Hurley is clearly in need of a little instruction in the ways of America. He is a comparative newcomer to these shores. He is, of course, an American, but he has spent, until recently, most of his time in Europe, in Italy, where he has drunk in, beyond doubt, too large a draught of the philosophy of Mr. Mussolini.

Someone should tell the Bishop to read the Constitution of the United States and a little of its constitutional history. In this country we reject the "fuehrer" or "leadership" principle. This is a government of law. The Constitution places the power to make war wholly in the hands of the Congress. But the Bishop feels that Congress should abdicate this power.

In fact, there is some ground from his address to suspect that he thinks Congress does not have to abdicate. He seems to believe that the President can grab this power. And thus—as in

Write Your Congressman Today

Write or wire your Senators and Representatives today.

Tell them you vigorously oppose the latest step in the war-makers' march—the occupation of Iceland.

Demand that they keep their power to declare war—and that they prevent the usurpation of that power in defiance of the Constitution.

Write the President. Tell him his sacred, solemn pledge not to send American boys to fight in foreign wars MUST NOT be broken.

Get others—your friends, relatives, associates in business—to wire or write today.

Congress—the people's representatives—must be made the people's bulwark against war. Do your part by upholding and stirring Congress to act on this vital issue, for a strong, revitalized Congress—now—can stop the tide toward war.

Germany, Italy, Russia and the various Balkan countries—the Bishop would put the whole power to declare war or peace of this great democracy into the hands of one man. And what man? Franklin D. Roosevelt. Why? Because he believes that the President, having pledged himself not to declare war, will keep us out?

Not at all. He wants this because he, churchman that he is, believes that the President of the United States ought to break that pledge and ought to be relieved of any restraint on that score from Congress.

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War and Our Air Business

The war is playing havoc with America's commercial aviation. So much so that the air companies have made a bitter protest to the government in the last week.

America's airway companies began the war with 258 passenger planes.

Since then the government has taken 103 planes away from them and given them to Britain. Now the government is about to take twelve more. The air companies insist that this is a grave injustice since many planes taken last April are still undelivered to Britain.

An American air transport company maintains an air service from America to Portugal—not being permitted to go to Britain. But now it is understood the British are going to use planes taken from the American clipper company and set up a rival air service direct from Baltimore to London—using the American companies' own planes to compete with it.

No one can accuse English business men of losing sight of the main chance. When this war is over, Britain for all her sea losses will have more ships in her own merchant marine than she started with and we will have less.

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Deals in Steel

It is not only in airplanes and in ships that Uncle Sam is playing his traditional role of sucker. American exporters during the week have made a vigorous protest to Washington against the competition they are getting from British firms.

Without going into all the details, here is one item. The United States is giving steel to Britain under the lease-lend act. The British are selling steel in the Argentine. They are selling it in competition with American steel companies, at cheaper prices and on preferred exchange rates.

In other words Britain, which needs steel so badly to save herself from Germany, can nevertheless find steel to sell to the Argentine, shouldering out American steel, while getting steel from America as a gift. She gets the steel from us free. She then sells steel to the Argentine at a profit. She is doing the same thing with paper, rubber, and many other items.

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Peace

The situation becomes extremely critical for Britain. And once again whispers of coming peace offensives are heard. There seems little doubt that Hitler would make peace with Britain if possible. There is no doubt that there is a growing group in England which feels the same way. Also here in America demands for peace are heard. But what is it that makes peace, so far as America is concerned, so difficult? The answer to this is one of the gravest facts in this whole war situation.

Let us assume that Britain could make peace with Germany on the basis of keeping her navy and most of her empire. The foreign groups in America—Dutch, Poles, Danes and other continental propagandists here—would set up a howl.

If, then, Hitler were to agree to restore the independence of Norway, Denmark, Holland, France, even Poland, while these people in America might be appeased there would still be a powerful group—the most powerful of all—the refugee Germans and their fellow racial and religious brethren, who would protest. Because for them the great objective is not to free Britain, Poland, France, etc., but to go into Germany, crush Hitler, and overturn the present government there and impose upon Germany a government which will permit their return and which will change the laws affecting oppressed minorities. This group stands solidly against any peace in Europe that does not include the invasion of Germany.

The peace they want can be attained only by an American expeditionary force. From the beginning, America First spokesmen have warned that victory for Britain and her allies was impossible without an American Expeditionary Force. The War crowd here denied this. But now they must admit they have been wrong.

Two of Britain's most distinguished commanders in the field—Generals Wavell and Auchinleck—have just said that Germany can be defeated only in Germany, and then by an American Expeditionary Force. Of course the war gang here attempts to soft-pedal this. Elmer Davis, Rhodes scholar and commentator on the Columbia Broadcasting System, who nightly poisons the air waves with his subtle propaganda under the guise of news comment, said Saturday night that what Wavell meant was "just a little expeditionary force"—not a big one.

So we have at last got around to a "little expeditionary force" and we now have our troops in the continent of Europe occupying a European country.

The moment has come to know whether this nation is going to insist on a peace which is impossible without full participation by America with millions of men in the war.

Ickes Would Make Local Police A Gestapo, Jailing Drivers Who Start Cars Too Fast

The kind of minds interested in getting us into this war are rapidly revealing themselves.

Secretary of the Navy Knox, who before he was approved by the Senate for his Cabinet post vowed that he was against our entry into the war, last week delivered a speech calling not only for war—but war made by the President, in defiance of the Constitution which says only Congress can declare war, and in defiance of the American people who are overwhelmingly against war. Knox made a mockery of the pledge he took to uphold the Constitution, and showed how lightly he regards the voice of the people on this all-important issue.

Now comes another Cabinet member, Harold Ickes, who is also Petroleum Coordinator. Ickes wants every police department in the East to make itself a Gestapo—arresting motorists who start their cars too fast after stopping for red lights at intersections. And if the generators of cars are not properly adjusted so that they burn as little gas as possible, Ickes would have the

motorists arrested for that too. This is not a fanciful story. It is actual fact.

Of course, Ickes must give a reason for this weird request. It is that there is in oil shortage in the East, due to the lack of transportation facilities to carry gasoline in from the oil fields. Actually, American oil companies can produce enough to take care of both military and civilian demands. But so many oil tankers have been pressed into duty delivering oil to Britain that there is an acute transportation shortage for American demands.

And so, to keep our own consumption down, Ickes would put every motorist under the threat of arrest and imprisonment—the same kind of restriction of little freedoms that the dictators have installed abroad. Needless to say, there is no law anywhere that makes fast-starting a crime.

And regardless of Ickes, no police department has any power to arrest a motorist for that reason. But in their fever to enter the war to implant the "four freedoms" all over the world, Ickes and the other war-makers seemingly do not care how many democratic freedoms they destroy at home.

AFC Memberships

Pass Ten-Million Mark

Membership in the America First Committee has now passed the ten-million mark and there are more than eight hundred chapters throughout the country, a survey revealed this week. More than a million persons are members of the Illinois chapter alone.

An A. F. C. chapter is now functioning in Honolulu, Hawaii, and new chapters are now being formed at Nome and Juneau, Alaska; and at Diablo Heights, Canal Zone.

The current nationwide membership drive is expected to raise America First strength to above the fifteen million mark.

A Week's Quotes

CHARLES A. LINDBERGH: "The longer the war continues, the more confused its issues become. The murderers and plunderers of yesterday are accepted as the valiant defenders of civilization today. We have been asked to defend the English way of life, the Chinese way of life, and now the Russian way of life. I ask you, is the Russian way of life our way of life? Are we now to be responsible for the policies of Stalin as well as for those of Churchill and Chiang Kai-shek?"

SENATOR BURTON K. WHEELER of Montana: "War-mongers in President Roosevelt's Cabinet are attempting to incite the American people to war by the practice of deception. They are not giving the people the facts—they dare not give the people the facts."

GENERAL ROBERT E. WOOD: "I believe with Colonel Lindbergh that we must change our policies and our leadership. And when I say that, I mean in a strictly Constitutional way. We have a Congressional election in 1942. Regardless of party, every interventionist in the House and every interventionist Senator who comes up for election should be defeated."

SENATOR CHARLES W. TOBEY: "There is no responsible party in America who does not realize that all-out war by our Navy will inevitably result in all-out war by every man in our armed forces and those yet to be conscripted—a war calling for expeditionary forces by the tens of thousands to Europe, Asia and Africa."

On The Peace Front

A recent newspaper advertisement of the Logan, Utah, chapter of the American First Committee cited an estimate by the late Congressman Victor L. Berger as to how much good all the money spent in the World War would have done had it been spent in peaceful channels. Here is Berger's estimate:

"According to the best statistics obtainable the World War cost thirty million lives and \$400,000,000,000 in property. With that amount we could have built a \$2,500 house and furnished this house with \$1,000 worth of furniture and placed it on five acres of land worth \$100 an acre and given all this to every family in the United States, Canada, Australia, Great Britain, France, Belgium, Germany and Russia. After doing this there would still be enough money left to give each city of 200,000 inhabitants and over in all the countries named a \$5,000,000 library, a \$5,000,000 hospital and a \$10,000,000 university.

"Out of the balance we could still have sufficient money to set aside a sum at five percent interest which would pay for all time to come a \$1,000 yearly salary for an army of 125,000 teachers and an army of 125,000 nurses. And, having done this, we could still have enough left of our \$400,000,000,000 to buy up all of France and Belgium and everything of value that France and Belgium possess."

War-making members of the Cabinet are apparently so busy drumming up a fever for war that they do not pay attention to what each other is saying.

Secretary of the Interior Ickes has recently been screeching about the war being lost because of an aluminum shortage. But in the midst of his own war oratory, Secretary of the Navy Knox found time to order 100,000 pounds of the precious aluminum to change the buttons and other adornments on uniforms of American naval officers. In the midst of this great crisis Knox ordered the change because he did not like the way the American eagle was molded.

Open admission that the British are planning a more comprehensive propaganda drive in the United States was made this week by Sir Gerald Campbell, British Director of Information in this country. In London, Sir Gerald urged a campaign aimed at the American working man.

Anti-war sentiment has increased greatly since the Russo-German war, according to a check of Congressional mail by the International News Service. In the East, West and Far West, entry of Russia into the war on the side of the "democracies" has given the American people another powerful argument against intervention, this mail indicates.

Representative Harness of Indiana said the Russian development brought a definite increase in anti-war letters, and that his district is now at least 95 percent opposed to war. Representative Reed of New York said the Soviet situation "has caused the people to revolt against the idea of getting in. They feel it is just a mess and they want to stay out of it." Representative Hill of Washington said: "I haven't had a single letter asking aid for Russia." Representative Ludlow of Indiana declared: "The whole trend of my mail is that the people are now more determined than ever to stay out. They certainly show no desire to help Russia."

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